**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—That is, if there are no one to carry on a shop in a particular locality, you won't allow to open a shop there.

**Mr. M. P. Cherian.**—No.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—If the Government wish to encourage the goal of prohibition, they must reduce the number of shops every year on a fixed percentage basis.

**Mr. M. P. Cherian.**—We are reducing the number of shops every year both arrack and toddy. Our policy also is gradual prohibition.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Are the Government reducing it voluntarily or is it by compulsion acting under outside forces?

**Mr. M. P. Cherian.**—Voluntary certainly.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Is the number less than the number of the previous year?

**Mr. M. P. Cherian.**—Certainly.

## Trade Union Bill.

**45. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government give an account of the progress they have made with their Trade Union Bill?

**Mr. Thomas Manjuran.**—The Bill is in the Select Committee stage.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—May I know Sir, the day when this bill was sent to the Select Committee?

**Mr. Thomas Manjuran.**—I do not know the exact date, but it was during the last year of the life of the last Council.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—May I know Sir, why no motion about this bill was moved in the last Legislative Session?

**Mr. Thomas Manjuran.**—The Select Committee was not able to report before that time.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—What was the stipulation to the Select Committee? In what period of time was it asked to report to the Council?

**Mr. Thomas Manjuran.**—It might have been a short interval of time hoping that the Committee would be able to report before the life of the Council was over.

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**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Am I to take it that the Law Member is not in a position to say how long it has been in the Select Committee stage?

**Mr. Thomas Manjuran.**—To the best of my memory the Select Committee was appointed in the second legislative session of last year. There was only just two months time for the life of the Council to expire and so it was not possible for the Select Committee to report. I am referring the bill to a fresh select committee today.

## Establishing a District Court for the Mukundapuram and Cranganur Taluks.

**46. Mr. P. Govinda Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) the total number of

(a) original suits;

(b) appeals; and

(c) miscellaneous applications filed during the last 6 years in the Trichur and the Anjikaimal District Courts respectively arranged Taluk-war;

(2) will the Government consider the advisability of establishing a District Court for the Taluks of Mukundapuram and Cranganur together, abolishing the Additional District Court at Ernakulam, if necessary?

**Mr. Thomas Manjuran.**—(1) (a) and (b) A statement showing the particulars is appended (*Vide Appendix II.*)

(c) It is not possible to give a Taluk-war statement of miscellaneous petitions.

(2) Government have considered the question, and the proposal has been dropped.

**Mr. P. Govinda Menon.**—I don't wish to put the question.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—On a point of order, Sir, is any member permitted to say that he does not put the question. Perhaps other members may wish to put supplementary questions on it.

**Mr. President.**—He may wish not to move it. He is at perfect liberty to do so.

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